

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15 were pending in this application. Claims 4-10, 12, and 15 have been canceled as drawn to non-elected subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 11 are before the Examiner.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 1 and 11 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended consistent with the examiner's comments and are now consistent with independent claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert that the claim objections and rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, are now moot.

Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all rejections and objections is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or underpayment thereof or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 26-0166.

Early reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. The examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview, telephonic or personal, would facilitate allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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